

**State of Alaska**  
**FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health**  
**Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08)**  
**Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08)**

## Contribution to Department's Mission

Enable eligible Alaskans to manage their chronic medical illnesses and conditions.

The Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance is a state-funded program for low-income Alaskans who have inadequate or no health insurance, but who do not qualify for Medicaid. Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance provides limited services to eligible individuals only if diagnosed with one of the following conditions:

- Terminal illness
- Cancer requiring chemotherapy
- Chronic diabetes or diabetes insipidus
- Chronic seizure disorder
- Chronic mental illness
- Chronic hypertension

Covered services for those who qualify for Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance are limited to:

- Medical services provided by a physician, advanced nurse practitioner, and physician assistant in the practitioner's office or an outpatient clinic
- Outpatient hospital services limited to chemotherapy and radiology for the treatment of cancer
- Three (3) prescriptions per month and medical supplies limited to a 30-day supply

## Core Services

- Provide payment for Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance services.

## Major Component Accomplishments in 2021

The Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance program experienced the anticipated 100 percent decrease in number of enrolled recipients from FY2016 to FY2021 due to Medicaid expansion, from 704 to zero, and the decrease in expenditures, from \$450.1 in FY2016 to \$0.0 in FY2021.

## Key Component Challenges

- Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance provides no coverage for inpatient hospitalization, transportation, and other services that are mandatory under Medicaid coverage.
- Challenges that have existed with the Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance program are mitigated by the expansion of Medicaid. Except for qualified immigrants who have not yet met the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 five-year waiting period for Medicaid eligibility, the majority of individuals who qualified for the program in the past now qualify for full coverage under Medicaid expansion.

## Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2023

Catastrophic and Chronic Illness enrollment is anticipated to have a limited number of eligible individuals due to Medicaid expansion. Ultimately, the only individuals who will enroll, or remain enrolled, are qualified immigrants who have not yet met the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 five-year waiting period for Medicaid eligibility.

## Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Statutes:

AS 47.05	Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions
AS 47.07	Medical Assistance for Needy Persons
AS 47.08	Catastrophic Illness and Chronic or Acute Medical Conditions (CAMA)

AS 47.25      Public Assistance

Social Security Act:  
Title XVIII Medicare  
Title XIX Medicaid  
Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program

Administrative Code:  
7 AAC 105 - 7 AAC 160      Medicaid Coverage and Payment  
7 AAC 48                      Catastrophic Illness and Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance

Code of Federal Regulations:  
Title 42 CFR Chapter IV

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**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Health**

**Component:** Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance (AS 47.08) (2330)  
**RDU:** Health Care Services (485)

Formula Component

	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Conference Committee	FY2022 Authorized	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor	FY2022 Management Plan vs FY2023 Governor
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0%
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0%
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	0.0 0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>0.0 0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>						
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	0.0	153.9	153.9	153.9	153.9	0.0 0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>0.0 0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0 0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0 0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0 0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>						
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0 0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0 0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0 0.0%

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions**  
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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2022 Conference Committee To FY2022 Authorized *****												
FY2022 Conference Committee	ConfCom	153.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	153.9	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		153.9										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>153.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2022 Management Plan To FY2023 Governor *****												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>153.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Health**  
**Grants, Benefits**

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<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>		<b>FY2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2022 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2023 Governor</b>
7000	Grants, Benefits		0.0	153.9	153.9
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2021 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2022 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2023 Governor</b>
		<b>7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>153.9</b>
7002	Benefits	Catastrophic and Acute Medical Assistance recipient services and provider claims payments (AS 47.08 Assistance for Catastrophic Illness and Chronic or Acute Medical Conditions).	0.0	153.9	153.9